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Idaho's Spring Planting Progresses Rapidly

Agricultural Summary

Idaho's County Extension Educators report farmers busily prepared or seeded fields last week at the onset of favorable weather. Most of Idaho received very light precipitation, ranging from no rain to 1.35 inches in Lewiston. Temperatures ranged from 27⁰ to 45⁰ lows and 66⁰ to 81⁰ days.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture throughout Idaho is greening quickly. Grasses are growing slowly and a few sections of wetter alfalfa yellowed due to excess moisture and cool temperatures, but overall, Idaho Extension Educators report that livestock range and pasture looks good. Ranchers moved cattle out of calving areas in Jerome County, and livestock are in good condition in Franklin County. Idaho's Hay and Roughage supplies are 20% very short, 19% short, 61% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, Idaho's agricultural progress lags slightly to well behind last year and our 5-year average. Regionally, warmer Southwest and South-central farms rapidly planted drying fields last week, nearly completing spring grain, sugarbeet, and onion planting. Some farmers irrigated shallowly planted seedlings in response to last weeks drying winds, speeding crop emergence. Elsewhere, wet, heavy soils continue to delay spring planting. A few winter wheat fields were sweetened due to wheat kill in Lincoln County, and Latah County Extension reports vigilant farmers scouting for stripertus.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 2% short, 80% adequate, and 18% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Oats Planted	43	56	57
Emerged	27	35	31
Onions Planted	94	100	100
Emerged	42	86	83
Dry Peas Planted	25	74	52
Emerged	15	50	24
Field Corn Planted	9	22	15
Lentils Planted	5	66	41

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	2	9	83	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	2	27	71
Range and Pasture	2	1	16	43	38

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted.....	47	89	61	90	100	100	93	99	98	42	71	70	53	80	74
Emerged	7	52	23	61	93	96	65	85	77	4	27	35	17	44	41
Barley															
Planted.....	42	77	55	77	100	100	80	97	96	10	41	49	31	60	62
Emerged	9	42	19	21	98	96	37	78	68	1	4	10	11	29	29
Potatoes															
Planted	N/A	N/A	N/A	72	80	76	66	26	44	4	7	12	26	17	25
Sugarbeets															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	96	99	78	96	94	90	99	79	83	97	93
Emerged	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	83	88	23	30	38	2	26	39	16	39	48

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 30, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	75	36	53	2	296	37	15	0.04	-0.52	0.68	1.34	4.16
Grangeville	72	31	49	1	200	13	0	0.01	-0.67	2.49	5.45	5.16
Lewiston	79	39	57	3	530	111	56	1.35	1.04	3.28	4.22	2.37
Sand Point	68	35	52	3	228	23	0	0.00	-0.52	1.68	3.62	5.09
Southwest												
Boise	81	41	57	4	469	116	28	0.11	-0.19	1.77	4.13	2.68
Caldwell	81	37	58	3	519	138	72	0.03	-0.21	1.14	1.75	2.41
Emmett	81	36	56	3	418	89	33	0.48	0.21	2.17	4.47	2.80
Mountain Home	81	37	56	4	518	133	16	0.00	-0.21	1.78	2.52	2.04
Parma	78	45	--	--	439	104	32	0.00	-0.23	1.40	2.31	2.20
Weiser	75	38	56	3	431	85	33	0.00	-0.20	0.90	2.37	2.27
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	73	33	51	0	252	34	4	0.02	-0.28	1.76	3.60	2.06
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	66	30	--	--	297	51	3	0.12	-0.16	0.87	2.28	1.70
Twin Falls	76	33	54	4	326	66	0	0.30	0.02	1.79	3.11	2.20
East												
Aberdeen	76	30	51	3	202	28	0	0.19	-0.05	0.79	2.53	1.61
Grace	73	27	50	4	174	28	0	0.06	-0.34	2.52	4.21	2.83
Idaho Falls	72	31	49	2	186	12	0	0.02	-0.29	2.47	3.76	1.96
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	73	30	51	2	241	31	0	0.07	-0.25	2.04	3.66	2.54
Rexburg	71	30	49	1	184	22	0	0.00	-0.36	2.41	3.86	2.28
Salmon	75	30	--	--	197	26	0	0.02	0.02	1.29	1.67	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.

2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.